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VON THADDEN TO APPEAR ON CANADIAN T.V.

GERMAN NEO-NAZI TO SPEAK IN TORONTO

• Commentary •

By M. J. Nurenberger

POINT OF NO RETURN

The meeting last Wednesday night of close to eight hundred parents of students of the Jewish day schools here, held at Toronto's Associated, can be considered as the point of no return in the education conflict now dividing Toronto's Jewish community. To a certain degree, this split between those who believe in government aid to the Jewish day schools and those who oppose this idea is but a reflection of the larger division within North American Jewry. This battle represents the culmination of a dispute between assimilation and proud, Jewish self-identification.

Labels familiar up to now among Jews in our Anglo-Saxon society (the problem in Quebec is quite different) are meaningless when applied in the area of Jewish education. There are "Zionists" opposed to government subsidy for Jewish day schools wherein they see a danger to the separation of state and religion-concept; there are non-Zionists, even anti-Zionists (especially in the orthodox fold) to whom the battle for recognition of the Jewish day school is the first step toward the development of a Jewish community in North America conscious of its role and aware of its historic mission.

Though last Wednesday night's meeting was not publicized, the decision of the overwhelming maiority — not to wait later than May, 1967, with a plan to approach the authorities for government aid to the Day Schools — truly mirrors mass opinion within our Jewish community.

Those maintaining that such a movement would weaken the effort to eliminate religious education from the public schools are unrealistic for they do not acknowledge the fact that the majority here is not ready to forfeit the tradition of some religious instruction in the schools.

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The comical aspect in this very serious debate is the fact that these same people opposing government subsidies for the existing Jewish day schools in North America demonstrate or support the manifestations for the right of the Jews in Russia to their own schools (schools there can be only government institutions).

In my opinion, Aaron Vergelis, editor of the Moscow Yiddish monthly, Sovietish Haymland, was right when he declared last week in London that Soviet Jewish parents do not ask for **separate** Jewish schools. For what kind of "Jewish" schools can Soviet Jews expect since their schools can be only government institutions of learning? Such schools where arithmetic, geography — and atheism — were taught in Yiddish to the "Jewish nationality" abounded twenty-five years ago.

It is natural for Soviet Jews to want their children to speak Russian without an accent, to be integrated into the pattern of Soviet life. There is no Jewish territory in the Soviet Union, no separate Jewish state. Therefore why should Soviet Jewish parents want to raise their children — ethnically — in a minority language school?

As I see it, Jews in the Soviet Union desire the removal of the notorious passport which forces them to belong to a "Jewish national minority". In this sense, the Jews in Russia, as those in North America, do not consider themselves a separate nationality.

I am firmly convinced that only because of this misleading interpretation has it been difficult to solve the most vital problem of Soviet Jewry's spiritual survival — that of giving their children some kind of Jewish **religious** education. In fact, in Soviet Georgia where the local Sephardic Jewish community never spoke Yiddish, there is more religious freedom for the Jews than in any other part of the Soviet Union, for these Jews were not classified within the Jewish (Yiddish speaking) "nationality".

The Jewish communities outside Israel are not nationality groups in the Western sense of the word; they are communities of faith with loyalty to a religious tradition. For this reason Jews here or elsewhere are so deeply involved in promoting Jewish education which is the only safeguard of Judaism.

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Returning to the topic of the demand that our schools here be subsidized in the general studies curriculum, this movement cannot undermine our position as integrated citizens.

Several weeks ago in New York, my friend Rabbi Moshe Sherer and I discussed this problem with Senator Jacob Javits who may soon be named one of the standard bearers of the Republican ticket in the United States.

I asked the Senator point blank: "You are the prototype of the integrated American Jew. Do you believe the demand for government subsidies would weaken our position as citizens or affect the church-state separation principle?"

To which Senator Javits answered, for the record: "All this is bunk. The Jewish day schools have the right to get their share from taxes."

HOLIDAY SEASON

Because of the incidence of the holiday season this weekend, The Canadian Jewish News is forced to omit some features. Despite the vacation of staff members, this newspaper appears regularly and also will be published next weekend, New Year's Eve.

The Canadian Jewish News is the only Jewish newspaper in Toronto and in Ontario appearing regularly 52 weeks a year.

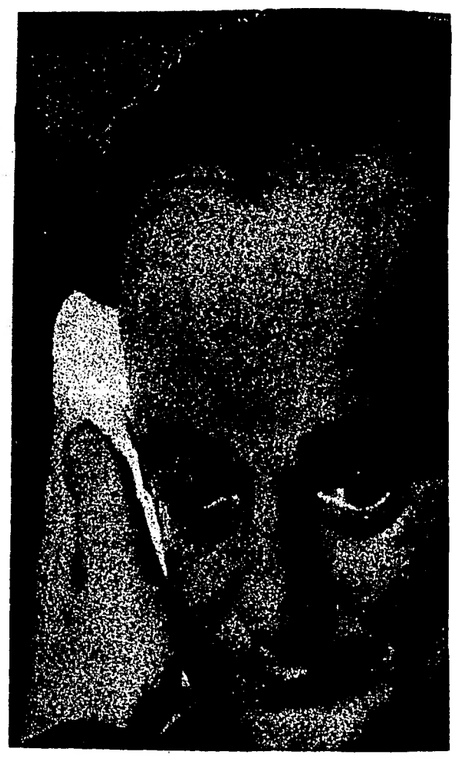
Appoint Jew As Minister

Duesseldorf (JCNS) - Dr. Josef Neuberger, a prominent German-Jewish lawyer, a member of the Social Democratic Party and an active member of the local Jewish community, has been appointed Minister of Justice for North-Rhine Westphalia.

Born in Antwerp in 1902, Dr. Neuberger grew up in Duesseldorf, where he established himself as a lawyer in 1932. Because of his anti-Nazi attitude (he had been a member of the Social Democratic Party for many years) and his Jewish origin, the Nazis cancelled his licence to practise and, in 1938, he emigrated to Palestine.

He returned to Duesseldorf after the war and, in 1956, was elected to the local council. Three years later he was elected to the State Parliament. He has represented Jewish co-plaintiffs at a number of trials of Nazi war criminals.

SAYS VON THADDEN'S PARTY IS NEO-NAZI.—Paul Luecke, West Germany's Minister of Interior, stated for the record that the N.P.D. is a Hitlerite Party. Its leader von Thadden expects to lecture in Toronto.



IN A SWEAT.—This is the latest photo of Adolf von Thadden in an effort to explain to a reporter of Paris Match (where it appeared) why he is not a Nazi. CBC told the Canadian Jewish News von Thadden is not on their program.

Community In Uproar

Question Asked Who Invited NPD Leader To Canada

(CJN exclusive report)

The announcement from West Germany that Adolf van Thadden, leader of the right-wing German "National Democratic Party", will speak in Toronto next month has aroused a feeling of indignation among all liberal circles here irrespective of party affiliation, religious allegiance or ethnic descent.

The National Democratic Party (NPD) was described by West Germany's Minister of Interior Dr. Paul Luecke, a Christian Democrat, as "neo-Nazi". Von Thadden, who officially is deputy leader of NPD, actually is the intellectual power and brains of this revived Hitlerite group. He also edits the party's newspaper.

The most curious development in connection with the announced visit of von Thadden is the unbelievable information that the head of a group whose recent progress in the elections in two German states has shocked the world will be appearing on Canadian television. The question asked here is whether the lobby that helped "invite" George Lincoln Rockwell, the American neo-Nazi leader, into Canadian homes via TV last year is the same underground group behind von Thadden's visit.

A spokesman for the Department For External Affairs in Ottawa told The Canadian Jewish News that von Thadden, a German national, would be admitted into Canada without a visa, according to a reciprocal agreement between the two nations regarding visitors.

An official spokesman for CBC told The Canadian Jewish News: "As of now (Tuesday evening) The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation has "not contracted" von Thadden to appear on any of its programs.

Von Thadden claims that his party is not antisemitic. Observers in Germany say that this is probable because there practically are no Jews in Germany. However, the NPD uses all kinds of anti-Jewish slogans to attract the Nazi elements. This party maintains that Germany does not owe any reparations to the victims of Hitler; it demands the discontinuance of trials of war criminals.

A powerful propaganda has been launched in North America to make English speaking von Thadden, an East Prussian baron, acceptable to the public here as a non-dangerous politician. There is no doubt that von Thadden, if actually permitted to appear in public in Canada, will exploit this opportunity to prove to Canadians how democratic and progressive his group is.

As we go to press, it is not yet clear whether the government of Canada actually will permit this dangerous demagogue to appear here in public, especially on television. Undoubtedly such appearances would lead to countermanifestations by anti-Nazis including German Socialists and Christian Democrats living here.

On the other hand, reports from West Germany indicate that leaders of the NPD are jubilant over von Thadden's proposed tour of Britain, the United States and Canada. They know that such appearances here will enhance their stature among the German people.

In London, England, last week, A. L. Easterman of the World Jewish Congress produced a document of a "European Protocol" signed in 1962 by neo-Nazi leaders of different countries. Among the principal signatories of this document, establishing a supranational European organization of pro-Nazis, were: Adolf von Thadden; Sir Oswald Mosely of England; Jean Thiriart, a World War II S.S. leader in Belgium; three neo-Fascists of Italy.

Political Conflict In Israel

Eshkol Opposes Coalition Move

Tel Aviv, (JCNS) - The Israeli Prime Minister Levi Eshkol counteracted behind-the-scenes activities promoted by Mapai's two coalition partners, the Independent Liberals and the National Religious Party, to replace the existing coalition with a national one, including Rafi and Gahal.

Mr. Eshkol expressed his opposition to a national coalition and denounced the leaders of the National Religious Party and the the Independent Liberals who, for several days, had held talks behind his back with the intention of broadening the Government.

The alignment's (Mapai and Achdut Avoda) Ministers are reported to have warned Mr. Moshe Kol, Minister of Tourism and an Independent Liberal, that further activities in favour of a national coalition could lead to a break between the alignment and the Independent Liberals.

GRAND COALITION?

LONDON (BY OUR JCNS DIPLOMATIC EDITOR)

A Grand Coalition Government, including all major parties, is being mooted in Israel. The idea is not a new one; what merits particular interest is that the suggestions come from inside the present coalition and are evoking sympathetic echoes in many segments of the political spectrum. Dissatisfaction with Mr. Eshkol's performance is only part of the explanation. Many of the difficulties and shortcomings now being felt antedate Mr. Eshkol's premiership. But since he bears supreme responsibility, discontent and disillusion are focused on him.

Dissatisfactions are many and unanswerable. Despite many positive achievements, the country's economic position has been deteriorating steadily; it seems to have the worst of both inflation and deflation. The balance of payments position has worsened from year to year. Emigration from Israel has been gathering momentum among the Israeli-born and educated and veteran inhabitants driven by the lack of opportunity and of inspiration. The "brain drain" is not unique to Israel, but what distinguishes it there is its proportionate scale and momentum at a time when immigration into Israel is at a low ebb.

Israel's external relations are far from those envisaged by generations of Zionist visionaries. Partnership between Israel and the diaspora remains a subject of orations rather than a reality. Israeli party politics continue to intrude into diaspora life. Relations with Israel's neighbors and with the United Nations give no cause for satisfaction, whoever may be to blame. Many Israelis believe the Samu incursion to have been a blunder, taken because the Prime Minister failed to choose between the real alternative courses, either punitive action against Syria or none at all despite mounting public pressure. It is argued that a stronger man would either have defied Soviet menaces and dealt with Syria or felt able to resist public pressures and take no precipitate action.

Mr. Eshkol is well liked and respected personally. But the feeling is abroad in his own party, his coalition partners, the Opposition and the public alike, that he has failed to give decisive leadership. The genius for compromise which brought Mr. Eshkol to the top of his party is regarded by many as a mixed blessing in a national leader of a country in Israel's position, where the ingrained habit of compromise may easily mean the worst of both worlds.

There is powerful opposition to the idea of a grand coalition. Mr. Eshkol and many of his colleagues are against it. The Opposition parties are divided over it. Many thinking members of the Israeli public believe that Israel needs a strong Opposition rather than an all-inclusive coalition. They argue that many of the present shortcomings arise from the lack of an effective Opposition, and hence that a grand coalition would be an admission that Israel is unable to operate normal parliamentary government. But even if this be true, it is not necessarily a convincing argument against a broader coalition in present circumstances. A grand coalition could be beneficial in overcoming present difficulties and bringing about a realignment of political forces. This could make possible the eventual emergency of a strong government and an effective opposition. The present system and alignments, or disarray, provide neither.

Paris And Jerusalem

EBAN BACK HOME; REPORTS ON FRENCH MIDEAST STAND

Paris - Israel Foreign Minister Abba Eban had a wide-ranging talk with his French counterpart, M. Maurice Couve de Murville, and later said that he had expressed the hope that the Soviet Union would bring its Middle East policy into line with other countries desiring stability in the area.

He said his talk embraced not only the Middle East crisis but also the international situation and Israel's bid for association with the European Common Market.

Mr. Eban said that he and M. Couve de Murville discussed the Soviet policy in the world and in the Middle East, adding he had expressed the hope Russia would harmonize its policy with other nations "who wish to preserve the integrity and independence of the states of this region of the world."

After the half-hour meeting, Mr. Eban said, "The talk was conducted in a friendly and confident atmosphere which has become traditional between France and Israel."

It is understood that Mr. Eban was particularly glad to find that in contrast with American and U.N. officials he saw last week, M. Couve de Murville expressed no criticism of "over-reaction" by Israel in the November 13 reprisal raid in Jordan.

With long experience of guerrilla warfare in Algeria, the French feel a deep-rooted sympathy with Israel's exposure to constant border incursions.

M. Couve de Murville welcomed Israel's decision to send a mission to Brussels in January to begin new Common Market talks and insisted that detailed discussions were more important than expressions of sympathy from the Six.

Mr. Eban, who before boarding plane for Israel, insisted that Israel does not want favours, but a solution to the huge trade deficit with the Common Market.

KNOW ISRAEL A 'FACT'

In an interview with AFP, Mr. Eban expressed his conviction that there are many Arab leaders who know that Israel's existence is a fact that cannot be denied. He stressed the necessity for Middle East stability, adding, "We believe that this stability will result in a political and military balance foreseen in the armistice agreements."

Queried about his reaction to the French participation in the Security Council censure of Israel after the raid on Jordan, the Foreign Minister said, "We are convinced that Franco-Israel relations are good and that differences of opinion at the U.N. cannot change this friendship." He pointed out that the U.N. vote did not affect Israel's relations with other states, such as the U.S., Britain and the Afro-Asians.

Regarding the Soviet position, Mr. Eban said that Russia opposes in general territorial changes through the use of force. He hoped that the Soviet Union would apply this policy to the issues between Israel and her Arab neighbours.

ECONOMIC SITUATION IN ISRAEL A "TEST"

Haifa, (JCNS) - Israel's economic situation did not constitute a "crisis" said Prime Minister Levi Eshkol when speaking at Upper Nazareth where he was accepting, on behalf of the Government, the first lorries and command cars produced by a new car assembly plant.

"But we are going through a test of efficiency in all branches of industry, agriculture and science," he said. "Whatever we allowed ourselves, perhaps for lack of an alternative, during the past 18 years, we can no longer afford in the future. More efficiency, cheaper labour and better production are now needed, and this is today's test."

RAFI-HERUT ALLIANCE

Rafi and Gahal (Herut - Liberal Alliance) Knesset representatives met to coordinate policy in connection with recent proposals to bring one or both of them into the Government coalition. Various issues which are due to arise in the Knesset in the next few weeks were also discussed.

Participating for Gahal were: Menachem Begin; Bader; Rimalt and Yosef Saphir. For Rafi, Moshe Dayan, Peres, Almogi and Surkiss.

Rafi is the opposition party created by Ben Gurion.

RASSCO CHIEF RESIGNS

Jerusalem (JCNS) A claim that the Israeli Government was discriminating against Rassco, the Israeli development company which has interests in housing, industry, orange groves and plantations, has been made by Mr. Mordecai Stern, the company's managing director, who has resigned.

Mr. Stern has alleged that the government's discrimination has been in the field of allocating housing contracts over the past two years.

In his letter of resignation, Mr. Stern, who heads the Gahal opposition in the Tel Aviv municipality, wrote that Rassco has been the subject of a politically-motivated whispering campaign designed to weaken its position. (A Cabinet Committee is now considering Rassco's critical shortage of working capital, which the company has claimed is due to the government's discrimination). Mr. Stern also accused the government, in its dealing with the housing problem, of using methods of dictation from above, and on the other hand, of causing fear and submissiveness which were spreading throughout the economic life.

"I am not prepared to acquiesce", said Mr. Stern who has been Rassco's managing director for ten years. His letter was sent to the Jewish Agency which has a controlling interest in the company.

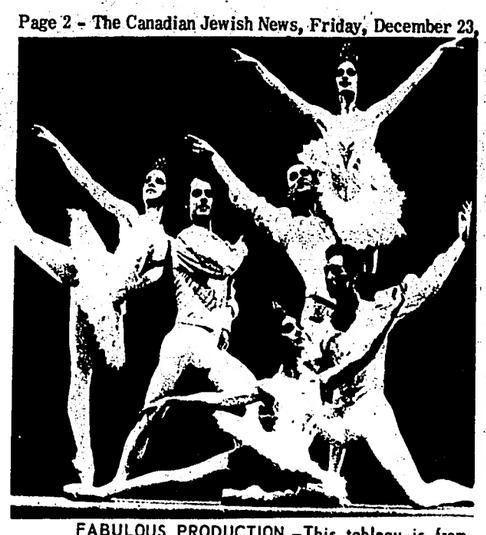
Recently, Rassco declared an 8 per cent dividend for the year ending last March, with net profits at $2,000,000.

SOVIET TRIES NAZI MURDERERS OF JEWS

Moscow - Six former Soviet army soldiers who are alleged to have joined the Germans in World War II and later took part in massacres of Jews went on trial in the west Ukrainian city of Lvov, (Lemberg, Osilicies).

Tass said the six trained with the S.S. after deserting from the Red Army and later served Yanovski death camp outside Lvov where they took part in the massacre of May-June, 1943, when 5,000 of the camp's inmates were killed and also in the later shooting of 4,000 more Jews.

Tass named the six men only as Lagutin, Prikhodko, Minachkin, Zhukov, Ponkratov, and Stankov.



FABULOUS PRODUCTION.—This tableau is from Tchaikowsky's famous Nutcracker Suite which is the attraction coming holiday week, through December 31st, at Toronto's O'Keefe Center. Seen are (left) Martine von Hamel and Lawrence Adams, Jeremy Blanton and Veronica Tennant; bottom, Lois Smith and Earl Kraul.

toronto after dark

ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN

Coming holiday week, through December 31st, O'Keefe Center presents the happy holiday entertainment, the National Ballet of Canada's production of The Nutcracker. The presentation is solely for the edification and amusement of children and their parents. The enchanting fairy tale, set to the popular Tchaikowsky score, is a ballet for the entire family.

BROADWAY'S SMASH HIT

Through Saturday, January 7th, the Royal Alexandra Theater is presenting Generation, the season's runaway comedy success, starring Don Porter. Others featured are Jerome Cowan, John Luce, Charlotte Glenn, John Stewart and Paul Collins.

FULL SEASON

For the first time the non-profit organization, Aries Productions, has taken over the Central Library Theater for an entire season. The first presentation, running from January 10th through February 4th, is Tchin-Tchin, starring Hilary Vernon and George Sperdakos. This will be followed by the Rt. Honorable Gentleman, A Cap Full of Pennies, Odetta, In White America.

Aries Productions has received a Canada Council Grant plus a grant from the Ontario Council of Arts.

A Cap Full of Pennies, featuring Sean Mulcany, will make its world premiere as the Centennial play, beginning March 15th.

PRESENTS BRECHT

Belmont Productions, which means Sylvia and Ben Lennick and Jack Merigold, are rehearsing their next production, the Canadian premiere of Brecht on Brecht, which will be presented at the Hydro Theater on Thursday, January 5th. Besides the Lennicks, others featured are Bruno Gerussi, Pamela Fernie, Larry Beattie.

IN SMASH HIT.—John Luce and Don Porter, starring in Generation, the Broadway comedy hit now playing at Toronto's Royal Alexandra Theatre.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN FRANCO'S SPAIN

New York, (JCNS) - There were good reasons for believing that a law for religious freedom for all non-Catholics in Spain would be adopted there, said the president of the Madrid Jewish community Max Mazin.

Mr. Mazin said that the Catholic Church in Spain was forced by its liberal and progressive members to change its traditional attitudes towards other religions.

"As a result of the decisions of the Ecumenical Council and its Jewish Chapter, a new atmosphere of better understanding and greater respect has been noticed among wide circles of the Spanish population," he said.

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by D. Cohn

* Since Stalin's death in 1953, thirteen Yiddish books have been published in the Soviet Union, according to Leon Shapiro, writing in the Jewish Book Annual. Shapiro writes:

"The obvious ban on Jewish cultural expression did not apply to the issuance of Yiddish literature in Russian, Ukrainian, Georgian and other translations. These translations do not solve the problems of Yiddish writers who write in Yiddish and understandably want to see their work published in the language in which it was written."

* The original version of the Oberammergau Passion Play--the text which Jewish and other democratic circles in Duesseldorf and elsewhere have described as antisemitic-- will be performed in South Africa next year. The Oberammergau Town Council has given its permission.

* Jacob Michael of New York has given his collection of Jewish music, comprising scores and literary material showing the development of Jewish music in thirty countries during the past centuries, to the National and University Library in Jerusalem.

* An English version of The Brothers Ashkenazi is planned for Broadway, with Joseph Buloff as star and director.

The play, a classic of the Yiddish stage, is based on the Yiddish novel by the late I.J. Singer. It tells of the rivalry between twin brothers, both for the control of the textile industry in the Polish city of Lodz and also for the hand of a woman. Actress Luba Kadison, who in private life is Mr. Buloff's wife, collaborated on the English adaptation with Joe Singer, son of the novelist.

Buloff recently toured in the Yiddish version in Israel and South America. The role was first acted in New York in 1937 by the late Maurice Schwartz. The production ran for two years then repeated its success in Europe South and Central America and South Africa.

* There are no major obstacles for the American and Canadian visit coming spring of the Yiddish State Theater of Warsaw, headed by Ida Kaminska. Sponsors are Harold Leventhal, American producer, Henri Goldgran and Marie Desmarais.

Miss Kaminska gained worldwide fame for her performance in the Academy Award-winning Czechoslovak film, The House on Main street. Her co-manager-husband, Marian Melman, is delighted at the prospect of the tour.

The troupe has been longing for the chance of performing here. Three plays will make up the program. One, Mirele Efros, definitely has been selected. Mr. Leventhal would like to present the company's staging of Brecht's Mother Courage, which stars Miss Kaminska in one of her greatest roles, but the question of rights has yet to be determined.

The third play, not yet chosen, will not feature Miss Kaminska. At the age of 67 she would like to limit herself to six of the eight weekly performances.

Montreal will be the Canadian stop.

King Gustav of Sweden (right) leans forward to take a point from Mr. Agnon after the Nobel Prize ceremony in Stockholm, last Saturday.

"TALKING SHOP"

Jerusalem, (JCNS) Israel is earning herself the title of "the talking shop of the Mediterranean." The Ministry of Tourism has issued a list of 42 international events taking place in Israel during 1967 and no fewer than 33 of them are congresses.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Castle George and the Spaghetti House are being prepared for the New Year's Eve turnout. Though reservations are in order, there will be room for those who make their minds up the last minute and don't reserve. Alf Coward and his Trio will play for dancing in the Castle; the Art Ayre Trio will perform at the Spaghetti House.

A GREAT SHOWMAN PASSETH

NATION MOURNS KEN SOBLE

Hamilton (CJN). - The world of Canadian arts and letters joined with the Jewish community Sunday afternoon in paying tribute to Kenneth Soble, well known Hamiltonian, Jewish leader, Canadian patriot and pioneer of our TV industry.

Soble, who died prematurely at 55 last Friday, after a brief illness, was brought to his final resting place in the presence of an unusually large number of mourners from his synagogue, Beth Jacob Congregation here, where he was eulogized.

The late Kenneth Soble was born in Toronto. He was largely a self-made man. At his demise, he was the owner of Channel 11 TV, among other interests.

With his passing, the Jewish community has lost one of its most dynamic leaders.

theatre in toronto

by Barbara I. Pearl

LA TRAVIATA STILL CHOICE

The Metropolitan Opera National Company, performing last week at O'Keefe Center, proved one fact: no matter how "in" are the moderns, such as The Rape of Lucretia, how familiar are operas like La Boheme and The Marriage of Figaro, it remains for the ever haunting melodies of La Traviata, for example, to thrill audiences.

It didn't matter that Clarice Carson's Violetta was heavy at times. Nor was it so important that she sang off-key once or twice. And certainly the fact that she died a robust death far in contradiction to how one should succumb to consumption was of minor consideration. What was of consequence is the fact that, from the moment the overture began under the fluid direction of Conductor Samuel Krachmalnick, the receptive, near-capacity audience would have considered it traitorous to find fault with any one of Verdi's beloved arias.

It required deep concentration for Miss Carson, as Violetta, to get back onto pitch in, Ah, fors e lui. However, very few noticed this for the love of the well known theme.

Harry Theyard's Alfredo was a good match with Violetta--both temperamental, both making the most of their high range, both exaggerating in contortion.

Theodore Lambrinos brought some equilibrium as Alfredo's father. Compared with Alfredo, he stood like a block of wood. However, this merely served to accentuate his pure tones and repressed histrionics.

Too much cannot be said for Rolf Gerard's sets and costumes. Somehow the gold of the courtesans' costumes in Act III seemed dull.

Then again, a delightful surprise came when the guests at Flora's mansion indulged in a bit of horseplay.

There may have been many imperfections in this particular presentation of La Traviata. But why comment when, in the final analysis, it was the audience who decided whether or not it was acceptable?

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District No. 22 of B'nai B'rith has announced an exciting program of five tours to various sun and fun spots around the globe which should find a receptive audience among its winter-chilled members in Eastern Canada.

Sydney Maislin of Montreal was recently appointed chairman of Tourism for District No. 22. The program now consists of five tours.

The first tour to depart will be the "Fun in the Sun" 14-day trip to Miami which leaves January 3, 1967. The price of this tour is $700.00 (Canadian) per couple, which includes air transportation and deluxe hotel accomodation with breakfast and dinner daily.

The longest tour scheduled is the "Round the World in 36 Days" trip which will depart from Toronto on March 8, 1967. Travelling via Canadian Pacific Airlines jet, the tour group will stop first in Honolulu and then will continue on to Tokyo, Hakone, Atami, Kyoto, Hong Kong, Bangkok, New Delhi, Tel Aviv, Rome, Madrid and then back to Toronto. Deluxe hotels have been reserved everywhere.

All inclusive cost of the "Round the World" tour is only $2,099.00 per person (Canadian). Well-known world travel expert Herb Niren of Montreal is serving as tour leader for the group. "With a maximum of only forty people participating," Mr. Niren said, "a very successful trip is assured. We'll be like one happy family."

Mr. Maislin pointed to the 24-day "Orient Tour" as one of the finest ever offered by B'nai B'rith. Led by Sidney Brown, Executive Secretary of Mount Royal Lodge, and a veteran traveller from Toronto whose appointment is imminent, this tour, which will leave Toronto on March 1, will spend time in Japan, Hong Kong, Honolulu and San Francisco. Stop-overs in Los Angeles, Las Vegas or Chicago are optional. The cost of this tour is $1,579. per person (Canadian).

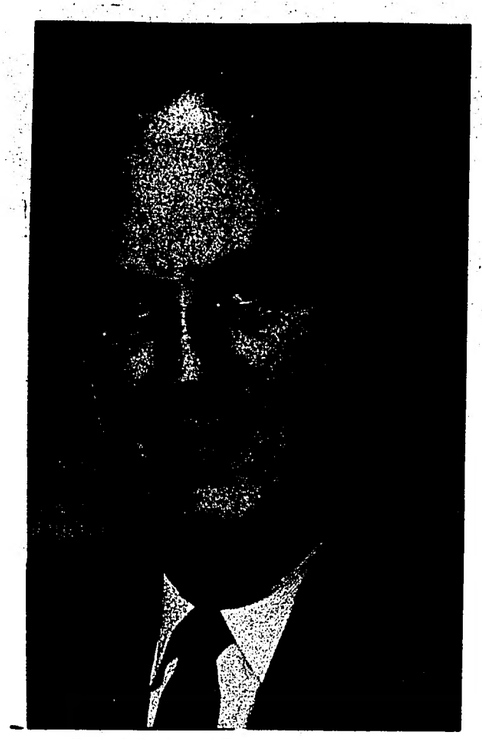
For members interested in visiting Israel, a 20-day tour will leave Februrary 23 via El Al Jetliner. In addition to two weeks in the Holy Land, this tour will also take the participants to Paris and London for three days in each capital.

In Israel, the participants will visit Jerusalem, the Negev, Haifa, the Galilee and Tel Aviv. Other highlights will include a tour of biblical landmarks, Nazareth, with its cobblestone streets, winding through the old town and its outdoor shopping stalls and limestone houses and a visit to Safad with its ancient synagogues.

The price of this Israel tour, which will also include beautiful and exciting Paris and "swinging" London, will be $1,099.00 (Canadian). Harry J. Pachter of Toronto, well-known B'nai B'rith and communal leader, will conduct this tour. Mr. Pachter is one of the most experienced Israel tour conductors in this country.

The latest tour added to the B'nai B'rith list is a 20-day visit to Italy, Spain and Portugal, which leaves on March 28. This will include visits to Rome, Naples and Pompei, Sorrento, Capri, Torresmolinos, Mijas, Madrid, Toledo and Lisbon. The cost of this tour is a low $899.00 (Canadian) per person from Montreal.

These tours are an exciting expansion of B'nai B'rith District No. 22's travel program and augers well for its future plans. The price, in each case, includes many other features. Additional information on any of the tours can be had from the tour leaders or from the B'nai B'rith headquarters in Toronto. The telephone number is 489-2108.



Harry J. Pachter of Toronto personally will conduct one of the B'nai B'rith tours.

Arab Airlines In Trouble

By Arnold Sherman
Jerusalem Post Service

The Arab airlines have fallen upon hard times. Their ambitious equipment programmes have been riddled by the hard facts of economic life. Their plans for new routes have fallen by the wayside. Their original zest for a supra-national Arab airline has slowly shrunk to ludicrous proportions. Indecisiveness, financial difficulties and political distrust have set the prime movers of Arab airlines back at least several years.

Egypt's United Arab Airlines had evolved an ambitious equipment programme which included the acquisition of three new long-range Boeing 707-320 jet transports (of the same type recently acquired by El Al), beginning in 1967. At a later date, according to the original timetable, two additional 320s were to be purchased into intercontinental service.

Recently, however, the U.A.A. management notified Boeing that it could accept delivery of the new aircraft. The reason: near financial bankruptcy, not only of the airline but of the entire Egyptian economy, which is already virtually in mortgage to the Soviet Union. With the war in Yemen continuing and with the current Middle East arms race, one of the first casualties had, of necessity, to be U.A.A.

The cancellation deals a severe blow to two of Egypt's most cherished and ambitious route plans - the inauguration of regular service to New York from Cairo and the extension of its Bombay route to include Tokyo. The Egyptians flew to Tokyo for a brief interval but had to abandon the route due to a serious shortage of equipment. When they originally announced their purchase of the 320, there was considerable fanfare and publicity. Now the elation has turned to dust.

The cancellation will also affect the development plans of Misrair - the short-to-medium range air arm of Egyptian civil aviation. Had the new equipment deal gone through, Misrair would have inherited some of the older equipment of U.A.A. and would have been able to intensify its route structure throughout the Arab Middle East and to points in Europe.

Another, and equally forceful shock for Arab civil aviation was the recent Douglas Aircraft revocation of Lebanon's Middle East Airlines letter of intent to purchase three new Douglas DC-8-62s. These planes were to have been delivered towards the end of next year. The DC-8-62 is the larger model of the conventional DC-8 and was to have become one of the mainstays of Lebanon's pre-supersonic era air fleet. The Douglas action came on the heels of the Intra Bank scandal. The bank, one of the pedestals of Beirut banking, had been a principal owner of M.E.A., And with its collapse Douglas' confidence was undermined, and the company was unwilling to gamble on an order which would have been worth close to IL 90m.

The Arab Air Federation seems to be similarly afflicted with all the "sores of Job." The original plan was for all the Arab nations to merge their facilities and create a supra-national pan-Arab airline. The first blow fell when the Mahgreb nations of North Africa refused to submerge themselves in the programme and promptly created an alliance of their own.

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The Anti-Hatred Amendment

A Law For Our Century

The Jewish community definitely is not alone in its demand that the dissemination of hatred from the media of communication and the bringing an end to neo-Nazi spectacles here are imperative. No matter how one minimizes the necessity for legal fences against the spreading of bigotry, the fact remains: in the twentieth century, the century of Auschwitz, no one, but no one, has the right to ridicule such a campaign.

For many years The Canadian Jewish News has maintained this position. The recent debate in the Senate concerning the so-called Cohen amendment to the Criminal Code has convinced us more than ever that all those well meaning opponents of antihatred legislation, in the name of abstract freedom of speech, are not living in our time.

Those who oppose this law, who began by attacking the spirit of the Klein-Walker Bill and now would discard the Government recommendation before the Senate, must be unaware that certain groups within our society are not immune to the germs of neo-Nazism. The disseminators of such hate bacteria are very real though at this moment they pose no immediate threat. Nevertheless, even now their poison is powerful enough to contaminate the atmosphere of friendship and good neighborliness in this country.

There are those who mistake the freedom of speech for encouragement to emulate old-world hate propaganda here. They forget that these bigots were not brought up in the spirit of Anglo-Saxon traditions. Therefore, giving the Judiciary new power to prevent the spread of hatred here would be but an adjustment of the law to the requirements of our era and to our present day society makeup.

At What Price?

Zionist Peace In Canada

Although the new Federated Zionist Organization of Canada has not been announced officially, it is ascertained that all Zionist "political parties" and groups here finally have made peace. As in the international Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization, apparently the battle among Zionist politicians here has not resulted in the elimination of any apparatus but in the recognition of all groups and their "right" to continue in Canada and be supported by general funds.

The new compromise-formula not yet officially released gives the Zionist Organization of Canada, together with Hadassah, fifty percent of the vote in the new Federated Zionist Organization; the Mizrachi, Labor Zionists, Ahdut Avoda, Revisionists and Mapam will share the other fifty percent.

Thus the Zionist Organization of Canada has recognized as valid the contention that it is only one of the different Zionist groups or "political" parties.

After the De Gaulle – Kossygin conference: – I am not answering any questions except in the presence of my lawyer... *Le Canard Enchaine, Paris*

after the De Gaulle-Kosygin talks

GAP PARIS-MOSCOW

by Jack Maurice
JERUSALEM POST SERVICE

Paris - Never during General de Gaulle's eight years in office has the red-carpet treatment been lavished so generously on a foreign statesman as for Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin's state visit to France. West Germany's former Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, was of course embraced on both cheeks by the General when he came here three years ago to sign the treaty of alliance and friendship which France's breach with NATO has since emptied of its substance. But the new Mr. K. has flown home with more spectacular marks of esteem than a kiss.

In his honour de Gaule threw open the top-secret workshop in Toulouse where French and British technicians are building the supersonic Concord airliner. He allowed his guest to make a 40-minute television speech to the French people. And he even broke his hallowed rule of never attending diplomatic parties when he went to drink volka toasts at the Soviet Embassy with Mr. Kosygin, and with French Communist officials whom he had shunned socially for the past 20 years.

In contrast with the ebullient Mr. Krushchev who preceded him six years ago at the height of the Cold War, the austere, unsmiling Mr. Kosygin aroused hardly a spark of public interest during his nine-day tour of France. He looked, as one observer reported, as if he had come to attend a funeral.

LONG-WINDED, VAGUE

Now, after the red flags have been hauled down along the Champs Elysees, comes the moment to assess whether any positive results have emerged from the talks between the French and Russian leaders. The lengthy joint communique is bare of any reference to the crucial problems of Germany's future and the Middle East crisis. Disarmament is mentioned merely in passing -- without any proposals on how it can be achieved. There is a long-winded but vague pledge that France and the Soviet Union will work together in a close and permanent manner in a range of fields covering international policy, trade, technology and culture. But with the sole exception of Vietnam -- on which both signatories brand the U.S. as the villain -- the views of Paris and Moscow are poles apart on all key issues.

General de Gaulle is ruefully aware that his vision of a continent composed of independent nation states stretching from the Atlantic to the Urals is still as remote as ever. His grand design to remove the German thorn from Europe's flesh by restoring her national status within her post-war frontiers has been pushed into an even more distant future. Russian intransigence on this issue was made brutally clear by Mr. Kosygin in a speech at the Paris City Hall in which he broke all the rules of protocol by attacking his hosts' ally and neighbour. Any hopes which de Gaulle nurtured of regrafting the amputated limbs of Germany were dashed by his plain-speaking guest.

GENERAL'S DILEMMA

De Gaulle's reply was to stand pat on his refusal to recognize Communist East Germany. But Mr. Kosygin has placed him squarely before a cruel dilemma. The General has in fact been given notice by the Russians to choose between his new friendship with Moscow and the tattered remnants of the 1963 pact with Bonn.

Historians may later record that the Franco-German alliance was discreetly but irrevocably buried in Paris last week.

Mr. Kosygin has flown home with yet another assurance. He can confidently rely on the 70,000 French troops in Germany to stand guard on his behalf over their common wartime enemy. For Paris and Bonn have at last decided to end their diplomatic squabble over the political status outside Nato of France's garrison across the Rhine. The Soviet Premier can also count on de Gaulle to continue his corrosive action within the Atlantic Alliance.

Many Frenchmen are astonished that the U.S. is now the only world power which the General labels as a "hegemony". The Soviet Union, which until recently shared the same epithet, warrants the title of "friend and associate" since de Gaulle's welcoming speech to Mr. Kosygin. Watching the development of the Franco-Russian courtship which began in Moscow during de Gaulle's visit last June, even the General's supporters are beginning to fear for the future. His intricate foreign policy, it is argued, could leave France without any reliable allies, either in East or West.

Britain could never conceivably join France in his new eastwards-looking diplomacy and turn its back on the U.S. There is also always the danger that the West Germans might make a private deal with the Russians -- as Hitler did with Stalin in 1939 -- in order to be reunited with their fellow countrymen.

But de Gaulle has not yet put France's name to any treaty or made any binding commitment to the Kremlin. Meanwhile on the home front he can bask in his new reputation as the Russians' ally and look forward to scooping a sizeable slice of the Left Wing vote in the general election next March. Nobody is deluded here by French Communist leader M. Jacques Duclos' claim that the Kosygin visit will not influence the electorate's choice for the new National Assembly. In constituencies where the party is out of the running many a Communist voter will prefer the Gaullist candidate with friends at the Kremlin to the contender representing the Left Wing opposition.

If Mr. Kosygin keeps his pledge, the most heartening aspect of his visit could be his public undertaking here that Jews living in the Soviet Union are to be allowed to rejoin their families abroad. But his talks with General de Gaulle about the Middle East crisis were discouraging. Mr. Kosygin told his host that neither the Jews nor the Arabs really wanted a settlement. On the basis of this surprising premise he argued that both sides should be left to their own devices, and damned all hopes of a new Tashkent.

It is significant that the publication of the meagre balance sheet of the Franco-Soviet talks has coincided with the agreement by the U.S. and the Soviet Union to ban nuclear weapons in outer space. The coincidence may have set Mr. Krushchev musing in his retirement over one of his favourite peasant tales which he told de Gaulle during his own Paris visit. "The world", said the first Mr. K., "is like a cabbage. It has lots of leaves, some of them bigger than others. As you peel them off, you get to the heart. And the heart of the world cabbage is America and Russia."

News Analysis

How Dayan Sees It
NEGOTIATE ONLY WITH THE ARABS - DIRECTLY

Tel Aviv - The "policy of direct confrontation with our neighbours" is the best "Israel can adopt to safeguard her borders", Moshe Dayan told a meeting of Rafi leaders here. He said this was preferential to using foreign intermediaries to influence the Arabs across the border as this was bound to bring in its wake unwanted outside interference.

Noting the gradual withdrawal of the European nations - France and Britain - from the Middle East, Mr. Dayan outlined the extent of the United States' involvement - the only remaining Western nation with any responsibility in the area. There are no vacuums, however, and where others leave, the Russians enter.

"Hussein's regime is based on his army; we must show him that it does not pay to involve it in incidents with us", Mr. Dayan said. The effect of some of Israel's declarations and actions is to enhance the prestige of Shukeiry, whereas he in fact represents very little and commands only a small number of agitators and minelayers.

Turning to the local political situation, Mr. Dayan said he could envisage Rafi joining the Alignment, on condition that the group maintained its identity, and that the Alignment would adopt policies by a majority vote after free discussions. Rafi could not, however, support the Government, "as it now is", by joining Mapai or the Cabinet. The major vehicle for changing the political scene remains, for Rafi, changing the electoral system.

Mr. Shimon Peres, Secretary-General of Rafi, said, "We do not want Russia to mediate between us and the Arabs." Russia will not stop supplying arms to the Arabs, because that is her instrument for keeping them favourably disposed.

As for the United States, she maintains "a policy of balance" in the Middle East, and "nobody could ask her for more than that she neutralize Soviet interference" by giving us arms to balance Russian deliveries to the Arabs.

WARNS ARAB COMMAND

Jerusalem, (JCNS) - Prime Minister, Levi Eshkol told the Cabinet in Jerusalem that Israel would regard the entry of foreign Arab forces into Jordan as a breach of the status quo. A public warning is expected to follow if the reported decision of the Arab Defence Council, which met in Cairo, is carried out.

Jordan was believed to have agreed to the stationing of troops from Saudi Arabia and Iraq on its territory within two months, but not the forces of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

Exclusive from Rhodesia

BULAWAYO 1966

by Jeremy Rosen

Bulawayo was once the industrial pride of an expanding Rhodesia. Today it is a declining, bewildered city aware that if Rhodesia does recover, Salisbury will be the centre of development. This is reflected by the determined efforts of the Town Council to persuade the Government to go ahead with a new air link with South Africa to pass nearby. It is reflected socially by the flight of young intellectuals and the critical shortage of teachers and technicians.

Rhodesia is isolated psychologically and feels it. Nevertheless the few who prepare to leave are frowned upon. Jingoism abounds and the majority, as it hypnotised, wait. They try to ignore the future, conversation usually turns to the successes of the past. Most individuals continue to enjoy an unparalled standard of living which even amazes South Africans, for sanctions may have crashed some but for others the present situation has removed competition. The luxurious houses are furnished after the styles of the fifties, the fifties when Bulawayo was at its peak, the sixties have not yet arrived.

Even the young people are out of touch with the living and the attitudes of the Northern hemisphere in 1966. In a way this is good, for they lack the present sophistication of young Londoners. They are not ashamed to admit ignorance or to consider new ideas. They are open and straight forward. A welcome change from the empty decorated frames that sputter through the London discotheques. The younger generation show so much promise and yet it is apparent that they will fall into the grooves of their parents.

Bulawayo Jewry numbers some 740 families. The Mayor is a Jew and so are three other town councillors, many manufacturing concerns are in Jewish hands as is a conspicuous proportion of the retail trade. Jews play an active part in every sphere of Bulawayo's cultural activity and yet one is aware of a strong ghetto mentality which penetrates the whole of the Jewish community. In the major secondary schools the Jewish pupils tend to mix among themselves and it makes no difference which primary school they graduate from, Jewish or not. No doubt this accounts for the surprisingly low rate of intermarriage in so ill-educated a community.

Antisemitism exists, but it is hardly noticeable. The Bulawayo club has reputation for antisemitism, several sports clubs discriminate and most school children complain of nasty remarks. The extreme right wing Candour League which has many Government symphisers if not members, is patently antisemitic. Yet as one relaxes in the sun by a private pool or gazes over the incredible rock formations of the Matopos, these pinpricks seem insignificant.

It is so easy to dream in Bulawayo and forget the problems of life and the Jews are content to dream along with the others. This explains why, alas, virtually the whole of the Jewish community made such a volteface from liberalism to Smith's white supremacy. They do not think, they indulge in the pleasures of life and prefer to swim with the warm current of public opinion rather than stand against it. They are painfully worried about what non-Jews may say. They are so grateful if a rabbi makes a good impression upon the outside community.

The Bulawayo Hebrew Congregation was once the pride of Rhodesia, indeed it was one of the major congregations on the African continent. At the peak of its prosperity it numbered nearly a thousand families; membership now stands at less than 600. It has been without a minister for over two years but the course of its spiritual decline was plotted long before. The people feel themselves leaderless and lost. Some of the members of the Orthodox community turns to Rabbi Cessel of the Reform for advice or consolation. The youth, in particular, feel the lack of directions and for them there is no one at all.

The community owns a school for nearly hundred girls and boys. Carmel School has excellent secular facilities, for Judaica they are abysmal. It suffers from the same melody that affects all the Jewish schools I have ever come into contact with. It cannot find staff who can convey a love for Judaism to young people. Ivrit is taught by transient Israeli women of undoubted linguistic ability but of equally undoubted religions incapacity and the occasional synagogue functionery who has been introduced out of desperation has usually been unable to communicate. At least the Governors of the school recognise its inadequacies and are trying to bridge the gap. In common with all schools the intake has fallen recently, indicative of the flight of young married couples from Rhodesia.

The Synagogue runs a kindergarten and Hebrew classes. The latter has understandably declined since Carmel School opened. The remaining children who stay on beyond the elementary stages are subjected to such inadequate instruction that few leave with any affection for the subject.

There are two active youth movements, Betar and Habonim, neither of them fortunately adhere too closely to the doctrinaire of the parent organisations. Both are filled with eager, intelligent mind lacking stimulation and trained leadership. The movements have little more than important social functions. If they were to make the concepts of Israel and aliyah more exciting and appealing their success would be greater. As it is these ideas are drummed drily in from an early age and the almost universal reactions of youth is to oppose whatever it has been told it ought to do or think.

On the surface adult community is well organised. The Synagogue committees run well even though everyone seems to be related however remotely to a great rabbi, which is taken to provide the ignorant with sufficient authority to invent a new code of Jewish law. The ladies in particular do a great deal of social work through organisations ranging from W.I.Z.O. to the Ladies Communal League. The Board of Deputies provides a minimal adult education course, but the Central African Zionist organisation is particularly active and does its hardest to fill the gaps in the knowledge of the congregation. An old age home is in the process of being built and the Chevra Kadisha plays a prominent role in communal affairs. They all function, but the process is becoming slower and older. The younger generation will not step into the vacant positions and the same few energetic names appear on each roll of honour. Even the Jewish sports club, the Parkview-Weitzman, has difficulty in enlisting the younger generations active support for administrative chores.

Yet the 'young marrieds', as they are called, are so open to influence, so eager to learn and so receptive of new stimulations. The problem is one of leadership, for with the right impetus the potential could be realised. It is not a problem of a 'lost generation,' it is a question of a 'leaderless generation.'

The few hard workers, the few givers, keep communal life alive in Bulawayo. It has a reputation for being a generous community and indeed it is. But about a third contribute, handsomely to most causes. A large proportion give nothing to all. As the same names recur on the list of honorary officers so too, the same names recur on the list of generous donators.

The community is so full of possibilties, so eager to be woken up and led. The feeling of emptiness is there, waiting and longing to be filled.

letters to the editor

Thanks For Peterborough

Dear Editor:

The Canadian Jewish News is to be complimented on the articles about our new Synagogue and Community Hall. The job was done in very fine taste.

The Peterborough Jewish Community is most grateful.

Peterborough
Isadore Black

Canada and Israel

Dear Editor:

While the American Vice President, Hubert Humphrey, went on record that the United States of America is committed to the integrity of Israel, its freedom and independence, (according to The Canadian Jewish News of December 16th) I'm still waiting to hear a similar expression from Ottawa.

A week before, you issued a front page story on the "neutrality" of Canada in the present conflict. What is this "neutrality"? Is it an impartial attitude? Does it mean that Canada is not interested in the case per se, in the conflict dividing the Middle East? Isn't it a fact that some Arab governments are organizing trouble?

Ottawa
Jacob Shechter.

Sermon of the week

THE ROAD TO UNITY

. . . "And Jacob called his sons and told them, 'Gather yourselves together so that I may tell you that which will happen with you in the end of the days."
Genesis XLIX

For generations the rabbis and the commentators have been puzzled by this remarkable assemblage of the sons of Israel at the Patriarch's deathbed. Something is missing for Jacob immediately interrupts this thought of predicting the future and returns to the real present day problems.

According to Rashi, Jacob actually had intended to foretell "the end" — the advent of the Messiah. However, so soon as he had pronounced the sentence, the Divine Presence, the Shekhina, had left the dying man. He then proceeded to other issues and began by admonishing them to "hearken unto Israel your Father."

Another commentator, the Rashbam, explains it thus: accept the way of life of Israel, of your ancestors. In this manner only you will be my true sons and also the children of Israel everlasting. Even if you strive with God and man, in the end you will prevail.

There is an obvious connection between Jacob's readiness to predict the Messianic days and the verse that follows, in which he tells them to listen to Israel their Father. Perhaps nothing really is missing between these two verses. Perhaps Jacob's intention had been to indicate to his children the road to salvation, to the coming of the Messiah. Both verses, as related in Genesis, the one in which the Patriarch tells them that he would announce the "end of the days" and the second one in which he asked them to listen "to their father", contain the appeal to gather together, to assemble, to unison. Perhaps this is exactly what our ancestor told his children and this is his legacy to the people of Israel until this day: the path to the Messianic fulfillment is obstructed by disharmony, by feuds, by fight of brother against brother. These intrafamily feuds are the direct result of the warning contained in the second verse and the promise therein. If you gather together and listen to your father, you are close to fulfillment; if you quarrel, then you are deviating from the road to salvation. For without unity how can the Jewish people strive for the Messianic era?

And there is another element in this meaningful verse. It is the reminder to listen to the Father, to follow the traditions which Jacob inherited from Isaac and which Isaac took over from Abraham. These traditions are eternal and their rejection, or even disregard, is the cause for misunderstanding which leads to feuds and wars among brethren. This is exactly the lesson which Jacob left his children in the strange land of Egypt, the lesson of continuity and perseverance in the ways of Jacob.

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WORKING ON IMPORTANT PROJECT.–Above, members of the North York Centennial Committee who are planning many events for Canada's 100th anniversary in this fourth largest municipality. From left to right: Mrs. I. Goldsmith; Chairman of the Performing Arts Sub–Committee, Fred Spee; Mrs. F. Lewis; Chairman Mrs. Ruth Bick; W. Argent; Vice Chairman Bruce Smith; George Montgomery, Chairman of the Publicity Committee; Gordon H. Lennard, Chairman of the Finance Sub–Committee.

NORTH YORK PREPARES FOR CENTENNIAL

(by the CJN staff reporter)

North York, Toronto's largest borough with the densest population of Jewish residents--in fact, the fourth largest municipality in Canada--, is immersed in preparation for Canada's forthcoming Centennial.

At a recently held meeting of the Centennial Committee, Mrs. Ruth Bick, chairman, outlined a rich and varied program that already has aroused excitement among North Yorkers.

The big project will be a Centennial Train, handled by the Parks Department. This will be displayed prominently for four days, August 3rd through 6th.

The North York Horticultural Society is planning a two-day Flower Show.

Other events include: performances of music and drama artists and choirs of North York; exhibitions of Canadian sculpture, historical books and documents with the cooperation of the North York Library; sports competitions; a Centennial Ball; special Senior Citizens event.

The Board of Education will be requested to present each child with a North York Centennial crest.

Nothing is being left out to assure a perfect Centennial year. Letters are being sent to all religious organizations to ring bells on New Year's Eve; interfaith services are being planned; the Historical Society plans to publish the history of North York; Council is considering restoring the old Gibson House, an important landmark, for museum purposes; there will be parades, an antique car show, competitions and fireworks.

PURPOSE OF CELEBRATIONS

It is hoped that all this, Mrs. Bick explained, will result in encouraging and publicizing the fine talent in the North York community, in providing an atmosphere that will create good fellowship and in fostering a feeling of pride in being a Canadian as well as bringing together people of all ages so that by working together they may understand each other better.

Ruth Bick displays her pride in Canada. She is proud to divulge that her grandfather is the Sheppard after whom Sheppard Ave., an important thoroughfare in North York, is named.

ETHNICS PROVIDE COLOR

Administrators of North York are happy that so many ethnic groups have integrated well into the scheme of activities.

Gary Veres, 18, a student at Downsview Secondary School, designed the North York Centennial flag, a beautiful green on white background. Gary's mother is Irish, his father, Hungarian.

Paula Ingham, 17, a beautiful blonde student at York University whose aspirations lean toward political history, has been chosen North York Centennial Queen. Her mother is Ukrainian, her father, English.

This is but a small example of the potpourri of nationality in North York--a mixture of Irish, Poles, Ukrainians, Jews, Italians, English, the compound of which is to the advantage of a strong, growing municipality.

TORONTO WOMEN'S NEWS

PUPPET SHOW

Sisterhood of Torath Emeth (Viewmount) will sponsor a puppet show at Coach House Theater, Tuesday afternoon, December 27th. Co-sponsors are Mrs. Sheba Sanders, Mrs. Harshman and Mrs. Cooperberg.

GOLD STAR PROJECT

The Gold Star Organization will tender a holiday fun fest on Wednesday afternoon, December 28th, at Beth Emeth Synagogue. Proceeds are allocated to further the education of mentally retarded children. Convenors are Mesdames Annette Rapaport, Honey Martin and Selma Hanson.

HANUKA MEET

The Hanuka meeting held recently by Temple Sinai Sisterhood featured Morely Pape who read from the works of Sholom Aleichem and Peretz. Reading also were Sisterhood members Sadie Fairbloom, Ruth Mitchell, Sophie Milgram and Bertha Lapidus. Reta Faibish accompanied at the piano.

INSTITUTE

Sisterhood of B'nai Israel Beth David will sponsor an all-day Institute for Jewish Youth on Monday, December 26th. Program is planned for boys and girls in grades 10 and 11. Theme: Towards a Sense of Morality.

Speakers will be Mrs. Merle Goldman, B.A., assistant director, BBYO, and Mrs. Ellen Nash, B.A., on the faculty of Victoria Park Institute. Films will be shown.

LUNCHEON MEET

Sisterhood of Clanton Park Synagogue recently held a luncheon meeting. Guest speaker was Mrs. Gerald Adler who lectures in psychology at the University of Western Ontario. Topic: Creativity in Children.

Head table guests included Mrs. N.L. Rabinovitch, Mrs. N. Kanner, Mrs. D. Orson, Mrs. S. Janewsky.

Mrs. Kanner conducted the business end of the meeting. Reports were given on a recently held rummage sale, Hanuka party, a coming joint meeting of Sisterhood, annual spring tea.

Mrs. J. Feldman arranged and prepared the Luncheon.

CO-CONVENED PARTY

Mesdames P. Danziger and J. Silverberg recently co-convened a children's Hanuka party held at Clanton Park Synagogue. 150 children attended.

RUMMAGE

Mrs. M. Weinstock supervised a recently held rummage sale of Sisterhood of Clanton Park Synagogue.

GENERAL MEET

Sisterhood of Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue held a general meeting the first week of December. Sue Magder welcomed those present and extended Hanuka greetings. Kate Devor was congratulated on the birth of her 21st grandchild.

Mrs. Miriam Rosensweig introduced nine new members.

Marjorie Rasky reported on the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations.

Sisterhood agenda includes: leadership training course on January 12th; Social Awareness Day, January 9th; donor dinner, January 18th.

Mary Raskin reported on ways and means; Mrs. Miriam Rosensweig reported on highlights of the Orthodox Union Convention held recently in Washington where seven members attended. The $1000 draw was held. Louise Geller served latkes.

Sisterhood Shabbat took place the following week.

KEEP SMILING

ULTIMATE

A hasidic rebbi was discussing the problems of life. Pointed out the rebbi: the general impression is that life consists only of hardships, but that's not true. Some things, conceded the rebbi, are difficult, but others, very easy.

After the lecture, one of the hasidim asked the rebbi to name the most difficult thing in the world. Someone else asked what was the easiest thing in the world. Answered the rebbi:

"The easiest thing in the world is to recognize your neighbors' faults. The most difficult thing in the world is to recognize your own faults."

NO DOPE

The postmaster of Warsaw was surprised to find in the mail a letter addressed to God. He decided to turn it over to the marshal.

The letter writer was a poor Jewish tailor in a little town. He complained about current conditions and high taxes. The letter concluded with a request for 250 zlotys to save the tailor's home from being taken over by the police magistrate for nonpayment of taxes.

The naivete of the letter impressed the Marshal, thus, on official stationery he informed the tailor that God had heard his petition; 250 zlotys were enclosed.

Several days later another letter addressed to God reached the post office. Again it was turned over to the Marshal. The letter read:

"Dear God, thanks for the letter and enclosure. The next time you send me any money, please do not forward it through the government. Those fellows always keep half of what they receive."

Always Something Amazing

BY RUTHIE

I wonder what would happen if the time ever came when there'd be a lack of ideas for advertising something.

Have you seen the latest in underwear — oops — I mean, lingerie? Especially night apparel. I don't mean black or exotic colors. That's old hat.

I'm referring to the cutouts. As if you don't freeze enough in winter, you're being tempted to try peek-a-boos, shorties, flimsly nothings, what not.

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First, I resent the models. They have no right to be so beautiful. Only actresses can look like that. On the other hand, if Mrs. Average Housewife were photographed in these latest night attire, sales probably would drop.

Not that we aren't normal. But who has time to worry about perfect measurements? In fact, who cares?

To go a step further, you think a young Mama has a glamor gown in mind when her baby gets up at night?

In this kind of weather, when my children were little I wore flannel pyjamas. They're the best thing for jumping out of bed. And socks too. Think I wanted to catch pneumonia?

And anyway, who saw me? When the baby cried, my better half slept all the more soundly; dynamite couldn't wake him up.

Also, wouldn't a fancy gown look incongruous with hair curlers?

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You should see some people at night.

I have an auntie whom you can't compare with anyone in thrift.

She always complains of poor circulation. So you ought to see her getup when she goes to bed. She wears her son's discarded pyjama bottoms (the tops are lost), her own top, her husband's shirt over that (though I don't see the connection) then a heavy sweater. She splashes baby oil on her face. It it's good for baby, it's good for her, she contends; anyway, it's cheaper than face cream. Finally, with the inevitable curlers, she's ready for bed.

The amazing thing is, her husband is nuts about her.

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Another reason I won't wear silk or sheer: I believe in less work, the better. Why should I do delicate undies by hand when I can throw flannel and broadcloth into the washing machine?

If you have to resort to glamourous nighties then your marriage is a lost cause.

Sure, you like romance. But when you're facing baby-walking nights, when you're nursing someone with measles or mumps, when you're glad to throw yourself into bed for a good night's sleep — you're glad you've got on something clean and fresh, period.

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I think, though, my girls will wear flimsy nightgowns when they grow up just for spite. Because they say I'm making life miserable for them, especially now.

Even though the temperature in the house is 75 degrees, I insist they wear an undershirt underneath. Also leotards.

They cry, "But Mommy, we're overheated."

And I say, they're not. Because I never sleep through. And everytime I'm up and pass by their room, I peek in. There they lie, cuddled up into a ball and covers on the floor.

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It'll always be a tossup between glamor and me. I like comfort.

I'm sure, though, these things will sell well. All customers can't be alike.

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KASHIN, HARRY - On December 16th, late of 113 Brighton Ave.

KRAFT, TRACEY - On December 18th, late of 106 Chiltern Hill Rd.

LONDESMAN, SEREL - On December 16th, late of 203 Major St.

SOBEL, GERTRUDE - On December 14th, late of 572 Spadina Ave.

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Toronto Synagogue News

COUPLES CLUB

B'nai Israel Beth David held the first meeting of its Couples Club last month at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Steiner. Rabbi Pappenheim and Harold Cohen, president, brought greetings from the Congregation.

A following meeting was held in the Board Room of the Synagogue on Sunday evening, December 11th.

ONEG SHABBAT

Holy Blossom Temple held an Oneg Shabbat last Friday evening. Sponsors were: Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Borden; Mr. and Mrs. Michael William Rotstein; Dr. and Mrs. Coleman Solursh.

DELEGATES

Delegates from the United Synagogue Youth, B'nai Israel Beth David, to the International USY Convention which will be held in St. Louis, Mo., December 22nd through 25th, are Moishe Greengarten and Nancy Gertzbein.

ENTERTAINED

Members of United Synagogue Youth, B'nai Israel Beth David, entertained residents of the Jewish Home for the Aged on Wednesday, December 14th. An original play was presented. Members in the cast were Steven Kirshenblatt, Debby Greengarten, Howard Vernon. Alan Steiner was stage manager. Mary Mittleman, staff members, was director.

SPOKE

Jerome Diamond spoke at an Oneg Shabbat of Young Congregants last Friday evening at Holy Blossom Temple. Subject: So You Think You Have Problems.

BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST

Last Sunday morning, B'nai Israel Beth David Brotherhood held a breakfast meeting. Purpose was to revise the brotherhood Constitution. A movie followed.

Photo by: Leo Hausmann

RECEIVES CITATION FOR ISRAEL BOND EFFORTS – Larry Solway, popular radio and TV personality, was presented with a handsome illuminated scroll at a gala Reception following the Hanukah Festival at O'Keefe Centre on Sunday, in recognition of his contribution to the success of the 1966 Festival as Master of Ceremonies. In making the presentation on behalf of the Greater Toronto Committee for State of Israel Bonds, General Chairman Max Shecter paid tribute to Larry Solway's dedication to Israel's cause.

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STARS AND LEADERS AT ISRAEL BOND HANUKAH FESTIVAL – Leading show-business personalities and communal leaders enjoyed a social hour following the exciting Hanukah Festival presented at O'Keefe Centre by the Greater Toronto Committee for State of Israel Bonds, when Festival Chairman, Mel Lastman, was host at a gala reception. The festival attracted capacity audiences at two performances at O'Keefe Centre, who heard the General Chairman report the 1966 Campaign now within reach of the $2,000,000 goal never before attained in this city. "The Ayalons" – four gifted young Israeli performers – were enthusiastically received. Shown here, left to right, are: Eitan Lev, Baruch Nadav, Gad Mann (Ayalons); Mel Lastman, Festival Chairman; Ed Mercel Festival Producer; Mrs. Lastman, Max Shecter, Larry Solway, Master of Ceremonies; and Mordechai Yaron, of the "Ayalons".

KARL MARX

Saarlouis, West Germany (CJN) – The funeral took place here at the Jewish cemetery on Sunday of Karl Marx, editor and publisher of "Allgemeine Zeitung", Germany's Jewish newspaper. Marx died in Duesseldorf on December 15th. He was 69.

Visit Weizmann Institute

Rehovot, (JCNS) - Some of the world's leading research foundations will be supporting a number of visiting scientists at Israel's Weizmann Institute of Science during the coming year.

Prominent among the organisations will be the U.S. National Institutes of Health, the Van Leer Foundations, the International Atomic Energy Commission, the Volkswagenwerk Foundation of Germany, Nato, The American Cancer Society, the Canadian Medical Research Council, the National Research Council of Italy, the New York City Health Research Council, the Fulbright Fellowships Foundation and the H.H. Whitney Foundation of the U.S.

The scientists will be working for up to two years in 14 of the Weizmann Institute's 18 research units.

The Lighter Side

by Philip Hobsbaum

THE INDICTMENT OF DAD

When I was a boy, my father seemed to me something of a dual personality. He was the kindly paterfamilias who brought home books and sweets and let me play bears with him. And he was the stern punisher, the ultimate deterrent, the great shadow that fell across my comics and insisted I do my homework.

This is, I think, a curiously Jewish experience. Certainly it is one which I find mirrored in the work of most writers. Some of them seem to have been considerably more unlucky in their parentage than I was. At any rate, Dad bulks large in fiction and drama produced by twentieth-century Jews.

Consider, for instance, the plays of Arthur Miller - one of the supreme playrights of his generation. Where would they be without Father? "Death of a Salesman" turns on the fact that the hero of boyhood has feet of clay. But the truth is that poor Willy Loman is neither a hero nor a lackey: like most people, he's just ordinary - if you like, a mixture of strength and weakness.

Dad crops up, too, in an earlier play of Miller's, "All My Sons". Here we have a father who betrays his trust in order to preserve the family firm. In order to keep society whole and sane, Miller is suggesting, we must see ourselves as part of one great family. Dad is a hero only while his children are small.

But the father-figure in the work of some British playrights was never a hero. There's the pitiable spectacle of Harry, limping through Wesker's "Chicken Soup with Barley" - a paralytic. His physical condition gives him an excuse to relapse into weakness and abdicate from a father's duty. There is, too, a truly dreadful figure - at once authoritarian and immoral - in Harold Pinter's latest play, "The Homecoming". And what about the pathetic father in Peter Shaffer's "Five Finger Exercise" - vainly trying to live up to his family's snob-values? We need to think for some time before we can find, in English writing, a tolerable Jewish parent. Perhaps Frederic Raphael's scientist-father in "The Earlsdon Way" - pleasantly intellectual, interestingly eccentric? But very idealised.

The most vicious specimens of fatherhood are found in the work of the younger Jewish novelists in America. Saul Bellow, in "Seize the Day", has the ancient and vanity-ridden Doctor preening himself in the same hotel as his weak and alcoholic Wilky, not caring whether the son lives or dies. There are also alcoholic fathers, like the utterly incapable Milton whose ineffectual crush upon his own daughter drives her into drug-addiction and worse. That's the situation in William Styron's "Lie Down in Darkness", one of the grimmest novels ever written.

Why do Jews - or, at least, Jewish writers - hate their fathers so much? Well, it's not hate really: I think they're just trying to get out of their systems something that would kill them, imaginatively speaking, if they left it in. Each generation - it's a truism - revolts against the last. And writers tend to make that revolt explicit. So they indict the family background from which they spring with a violence it may not altogether deserve.

Why blame Dad for making mistakes? He's only human, the same as it seems, you are. But that, is what the young Jewish writers are blaming him for. It's no accident that most of them have lapsed into agnosticism. Could it be - may I risk the guess? - that their anger springs from one hard fact: that, lacking any other God, they deify their father? And that they are attacking him for not living up to a superhuman position assigned to him by themselves?

However that may be it is certainly true that the indictment of Dad forms the stuff of an extraordinary number of works by Jewish writers. And, however much we may disagree with the attitude as abstract morality, there can be no doubt that it has informed some of the most powerful plays of our time. Father may be wicked or ineffectual in real life, but he certainly comes across as a striking figure in fictions.

Arab Airlines

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With the existing political conflict between Egypt and Saudi Arabia and the distrust between Jordan and several of its neighbours, the fabric of the Arab Air Federation is quietly falling apart. At the present rate of dissolution, the organization will continue to exist in name only.

The Arab airlines have also been hit by a drop-off in tourism. Like El Al, they depend to a very large degree on tourist movement. With economic recession in many parts of Europe, tourism has become one of the first and most natural victims. The uncertain political and military situation in the Middle East doesn't help matters either. There is apparently very definite tendency for tourists to be cautious about taking vacations in this area. This tendency is bound to have an adverse effect not only on the Arab tourist growth but on Israel's as well.

RECIPES OF THE WEEK

TOLL HOUSE COOKIES

2-1/4 cups sifted flour
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. salt
1 cup softened butter
1 cup granulated sugar
1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. water
2 eggs
1 2-oz. package (two cups) semi-sweet chocolate morsels
1 cup coarsely chopped pecans or walnuts

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Sift together flour, soda and salt. Cream together butter, sugars, vanilla and water. Beat in eggs one at a time. Add flour mixture and mix well. Stir in chocolate and nuts. Drop batter, half a teaspoon at a time, onto greased cookie sheets. Bake 10 to 12 minutes.

Yield: 100 cookies.

LEMON CHEESE PIE

2 cups sugar
1/8 tsp. salt
2 tbsp. lemon rind
1 tbsp. flour
1 tbsp. corn meal
4 eggs
1/4 cup melted butter
1/4 cup lemon juice
1/4 cup milk
1 uncooked nine-inch pastry shell

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Mix sugar, lemon rind, flour and corn meal. Beat in the eggs thoroughly and add butter, lemon juice and milk.

Pour into prepared pastry shell and bake 50 to 60 minutes or until set.

Yield: six servings.